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DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN

Business Men Consider Organiza-
tion of Bureau of
Credits.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
109 North Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va., December 9.

A meeting of the Petersburg District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, was held in Washington Street Church yesterday afternoon, with Presiding Elder J. K. Joffe in the chair, and Joseph Davis, of Wakefield, secretary. Nearly all portions of the district were represented, and much business of interest to the church was considered. The salary of the presiding elder was fixed at \$2,200 per annum, and assessments for the various churches for the year were made, the total aggregating about \$10,000.

Death of a Nonagenarian.
Mrs. Mary A. Rowlett, widow of Thomas A. Rowlett, died last night at her home in Chesterfield county, about ten miles from Petersburg. She had attained the age of ninety years, and was highly esteemed in the county. She is survived by five sons and two daughters, the latter Mrs. Rosa Colley and Mrs. Emma Gill, residing in Petersburg.

A telegram received last night announced the sudden death in Santa Fe, New Mexico, of J. Lee Minette, of this city. Mr. Minette was thirty-three years old, and was in New Mexico with the hope of being benefited by a cure at a sanatorium. He was a popular man, and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this city, who are grieved to hear of his death. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Minette, all of this city. Mrs. Augustus Oppenheimer, widow of Gottlieb Oppenheimer, died on Tuesday at her home in Philadelphia, and the body will be buried in the Jewish Cemetery in this city to-morrow. Mr. and Mrs. Oppenheimer were residents of Petersburg for many years.

Officers Elected.
Petersburg Council, Knights of Columbus, at a largely attended meeting last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Past Grand Knight, James H. Bailey; Grand Knight, Frank M. Dalton; Deputy Grand Knight, J. Harry Bailey; Chancellor, Henry A. Renshaw; Dr. H. A. Burke; Warden, R. P. Kilmarlin; Assistant Warden, William H. Raftery; Inside Guard, William J. Kilmarlin; Outside Guard, John Dalton. Trustees for three years, Rev. James J. O'Farrell and Salem Maeha.

Personal and Otherwise.
The congressional campaign in this district is progressing so quietly that very little is heard of it. And there are four candidates seeking the nomination. It is a still hunt all around. Dr. J. F. Murphy, convicted of horse-stealing, was taken to the penitentiary this morning to serve his sentence of three years. He was very much affected at being taken away and cried bitterly. It is thought that his relatives and friends in the West will

SHIRT FACTORY BURNED.
Big Manufacturing Establishment in Fredericksburg Destroyed by Fire. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 9.—Fire early to-day destroyed the factory of the Virginia Shirt Company, a valuable enterprise here, which employed over 100 operatives. It is not known how the fire originated. The fire department was unable to check the flames, owing to inadequate water supply at that point. The factory had orders ahead which would run it to the spring of 1910. Insurance on the building, machinery and stock was \$41,000. The plant will be rebuilt on a larger scale.

MOVED BUILDING IN NIGHT.
Case Before Supreme Court in Which Structure Is Involved. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, Va., December 9.—While a case was pending before the Supreme Court which involved the school building at Boyce, Clarke county, the building in question was moved at night and the officers of the law are now endeavoring to ascertain the guilty party. The school building was valued, according to the papers filed in the suit of Knight vs. Grim, at \$12,000, and it was moved bodily to another lot between suns. Contempt proceedings will likely follow.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.
Jury Returns Verdict of Not Guilty in Haynes Trial. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 9.—Haynes, on trial in the Circuit Court for the murder of B. H. Argenbright, at Christian's last January, was released to-day, the jury having brought in a verdict of acquittal. When Haynes fired the fatal shot, Argenbright, who was a powerful man, had Davis, the aged father-in-law of Haynes, down and was beating him. Haynes shot to save his father-in-law. Argenbright lingered for five months.

SUCCESSOR TO FATHER MCGURK.
Lynchburg Catholics Interested in Bishop's Possible Appointment. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—Catholics all over the city are interested in the appointment of a pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross to succeed Father McGurk, whose death took place last Friday evening. While the names of four or five prominent laymen have been mentioned, the pastorship is all speculation, and nothing will be known until the new pastor is appointed by Bishop Van de Vyver. This parish is considered one of the most important in the diocese, for it carries with it an irreparable relationship, the only other in the diocese being St. Patrick's in Richmond.

The bishop's secretary, who remained in the city over yesterday, after having attended Father McGurk's burial, declined to express any opinion as to the appointment to this vacancy.

\$10,000 Suit Against Fredericksburg.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 9.—Sult has been brought in the Corporation Court in this city against the city of Fredericksburg by Miss Maude Allison, through her father, John W. Allison, Jr., for \$10,000 damages for the loss of her leg, caused by a fall from a hole in a bridge at the corner of Main and Hawke Streets last winter, while on her way to school.

Mr. Lowenberg Nearing End.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, December 9.—Reports to-day from the bedside of D. Lowenberg are to the effect that he is gradually sinking, and that death is a question of only a few hours. The congestion of his lungs is said to be complicated with pneumonia, and owing to his age, seventy years, no hope is held out by the attending physicians.

To Vote on Bonds for Water.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, Va., December 9.—The voters of Winchester will likely be called upon shortly to vote on an issue of \$100,000 bonds for a new gravity soft water system. Mayor H. H. Baker, having brought the matter before the City Council. Winchester already has two complete water systems, one gravity and one supplied by pump, but is fast outgrowing both.

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probably seek executive clemency after a while.

The Wednesday Music Club met yesterday afternoon with the Misses McLaughlin, on Washington Street, and rendered a very artistic and select program. A number of guests were present to enjoy the music.

The Country Club to-night attracted many of the young society folk. The chaplains were Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duane, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Plummer and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Prichard, Jr.

The Christmas trade is going on rapidly, and the merchants are busy. From present indications the bulk of the trade will be over some time before the advent of the festival.

Wedding Notes.
Miss Rosa Young, a young farmer of Dinwiddie, was married in Portsmouth yesterday at the home of a sister of the bride.

Miss Minnie Richards, of Chesterfield county, and Cassius M. Crum, of this city, were quietly married last evening at the residence of the officiating minister in this city, Rev. F. W. Moore.

Both bride and groom recently came to Virginia, the former from Wisconsin, the latter from Illinois.

A movement is being made to organize a Bureau of Credits for the benefit of business and professional men in this city and adjacent counties.

The Cannonball train from Richmond this morning was switched from the main track at Dunlop's Station, but fortunately this track was clear, and no harm resulted.

STATE MISSIONS
BEFORE BAPTISTS

Appeal for Biblical Recorder.

Aid Needed for Orphanage.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WADESBORO, N. C., December 9.—The four subjects of the time of the Baptist State Convention to-day were State missions, the orphanage, the Biblical Recorder and the laymen's movement. When the editor of the Recorder, Rev. H. C. Moore, addressed the convention, he said that the report of the State Convention in 1908, while there are 50,000 families in North Carolina. He urged an increase of circulation and asked that the convention pray for him and his work.

The report on State missions showed that to this date the convention has contributed to this cause in the history of the convention. There are 148 ministers in North Carolina who are aided by the State Mission Board. Livingstone Johnson, corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, paid a high tribute to these men and to their wives, who endure sacrifice and hardship in carrying on the work. The report showed that the convention now is giving \$4 to State missions where it gave only \$1 in 1908.

Rev. B. T. Craven, when speaking of the importance of State missions, said that Baptists are a peculiar people and that he is glad of it. He said that Baptists must fight for what they gain, and that while they thrive well together, they do not thrive when working with other people.

Should Honor Home Missionaries. Rev. C. L. Greaves emphasized especially the importance of evangelizing the foreigners who are coming in such large numbers to the South at present. He also emphasized the importance of giving to the home missionaries the same recognition and the same honor as that given to foreign missionaries. An offer from one man in Farmville to the convention was that he would give at his death \$5,000 to establish a building fund, he to pay the convention per cent interest on this amount from now on, provided the convention pay off a debt of \$1,500 on a Baptist Church in Farmville. The convention accepted the terms.

In the afternoon session Rev. J. A. Lynch delivered a strong appeal in the interest of the orphanage, which is located at Thomasville. Rev. J. L. White and F. A. Brown, J. B. Henderson and J. H. Tucker were the speakers in the interest of the laymen's movement.

To-night Rev. D. B. Gray, home mission secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the principal speaker. Speaking of the laymen's movement, he said it was embodied in his view of the evangelization of the world, because this movement emphasizes the work of foreign missions only, while saying nothing about home and State missions. Foreign missions, he said, cannot be carried on successfully without being backed by home and State missions.

Discount Rate Reduced.
LONDON, December 9.—The monetary position and the reserve improved noticeably during the past month that the Bank of England to-day found itself able to reduce the rate of discount 1/4 of 1 per cent.—to 4 1/4 per cent. The directors of the bank apparently had some difficulty in reaching a decision, as the meeting was in session longer than usual.

Lynchburg Masons Elect Officers.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—At the annual meeting of the Washington Lodge, No. 33, A. F. and A. M., last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worshipful Master, D. H. Kizer; Senior Warden, J. J. Ayres; Junior Warden, J. L. Brown; Treasurer, W. P. Holt; Secretary, R. E. Menefee; Senior Deacon, John W. E.

more; Junior Deacon, John O. Walker; Steward and Tyler, Peter F. Price; Members of the Board of Managers of the Home and Retreat—J. R. Gilliam, G. H. Nowlin and W. P. Holt; Chaplains—Rev. E. M. Bottom, Rev. J. C. Poston, Rev. T. E. McCorkle and Rev. E. R. Carter.

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION.

Considerable Business Disposed of During the Week. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—The Circuit Court at this place has been in session for three weeks, with Hon. Bennett C. Gordon on the bench. Considerable business was disposed of at this term. The following cases were tried:

Commonwealth vs. John Johnson, charged with criminal assault. The jury could not agree upon a verdict.

Valley Lumber Company vs. J. J. Hill. Verdict in favor of the defendant.

Commonwealth vs. A. H. Fitzgerald. The Commonwealth attorney dismissed the indictment.

Payne vs. S. R. Ry. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

L. Sheffield vs. School Board of Louding District. Judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$107.25, together with the \$40.00 paid by the defendant. Commonwealth Attorney S. B. Whitehead represented the School Board, and L. Gratton Tucker and William Kinchle Allen represented the plaintiff.

GREAT REVIVAL ENDS.

Union Services Conducted by Evangelist Wiley, of Richmond.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
AMHERST, Va., December 9.—The great revival ever held in this county has just closed. Eighty-two persons went to heaven, and many conversions took place. The meetings are union in character, preaching at the Baptist Church in the day and in the Methodist Church at night by Evangelist George H. Wiley, of Richmond. The pastors are Rev. C. Horner Fielding and Harry R. Carr. No one seems to know exactly how many are converted, but certainly as many as 200 conversions.

REPUBLICANS IN WASHINGTON.
Informal Meeting of Several Party Leaders in Capital City. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9.—An informal meeting of Virginia Republicans was held at the Raleigh this afternoon. Among those present were Alva H. Martin, J. B. Kimberley, D. Lawrence Groner, C. G. Smithers, J. W. McGavock, John T. Barbee, W. L. Moore, J. A. Jamison, C. M. Gibbons, Percy S. Stephenson, Thomas Lee Moore, S. S. Giles, S. Brown Allen and Messrs. Brown and Motley.

Representative Siemp had them in tow. Several dinner parties were given. When asked the occasion of the gathering, one of the leaders said: "To celebrate our recent gains in Virginia."

It was the consensus of opinion that Mr. Groner will succeed Judge Lewis as District Attorney and Mr. Smithers, as District Attorney, and Mr. Morgan, as marshal. No Virginia appointments, it is said, will be settled until after the holidays.

SOUTHERN TO USE TELEPHONE.
New Service Being Installed for Dispatching Trains. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—The Southern Railway has a force of men at work between Washington and Greensboro putting in the telephone wires, which will be used for the dispatching of trains. The service is understood, which is extended it is found to work satisfactorily on these two, the Washington and Danville divisions.

New Pupils Vaccinated.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—The health department has just completed the vaccination of the new pupils in the public schools of the city. The work included 2,000 children, and 250 colored. All of them were new students.

Petition in Bankruptcy.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—Michael Rose, proprietor of the Palms, a Greek restaurant, filed a petition in bankruptcy here to-day. Liabilities are scheduled at \$5,000 and assets \$5,500, consisting of the stock and fixtures of the place.

Coldest Day of Season.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—The weather to-night is the coldest of the winter, following the coldest day of the season.

Big Compressing Air Plant.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., December 9.—What is believed to be the largest plant for compressing air to be found in the South has just been completed by Samuel Maddam, of the Raleigh-Dan-Gordon Company, of Cincinnati, for the Southern Railway Company in its big shops at Spencer. The capacity of the plant is 250 cubic feet per minute, which is more than double the size of the plant heretofore in operation at Spencer. The air will be used for drilling and other purposes in the shops here.

To Initiate Shriners.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—A temple of the Shriners, of Richmond, will meet here Friday night. A large number of candidates from Lynchburg and Southwest Virginia. The visitors will be tendered a banquet by local Shriners before beginning an all-night session.

Knights of Pythias Elect New Officers.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 9.—The T. L. Courtney Lodge, No. 133, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Vice Chancellor, J. A. Helshouser; Preceptor, J. T. Thornhill; Master of Work, A. C. Watts; Master of Finance, G. M. Shumate; Keeper of Records and Seal, T. M. Wells; Master of Arms, W. T. Gaudin; Inside Guard, H. C. Tott; Outside Guard, C. M. Guthrie; Deputy Grand Chancellor, C. M. Mays; Representative to Grand Lodge, W. W. Marmaduke; Trustees—C. A. Calhoun, W. J. Butler, J. M. Dulaney, G. T. Coleman and A. S. Mason.

Spencer Merchants Favor Bell Company.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., December 9.—Representatives of the Washington-Statesville telephone system are making an effort to secure a franchise for operations in Spencer similar to the franchise granted in Salisbury. The Merchants' Association of Spencer has passed resolutions favoring the Southern Bell Telephone Company, which now covers the field here, asking the Board of Aldermen not to grant franchises to any other telephone system for five years.

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Solitaire Diamond Rings from \$12.00 upward.
Signet Rings, from \$1.00 to \$15.00.

BRACELETS.
Solid Gold from \$8.00 to \$40.00.
Gold Filled from \$1.00 to \$6.00.

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With the signet top or set with large stones.
Ladies' Buttons from \$2.00 upward.
Gents' from \$3.00 to \$25.00.

SCARF PINS.
Signet, from \$1.00 to \$3.50.
Set with stones, from \$1.00 to \$25.
MEN'S GOLD FOBS.
Signet from \$6.00 to \$12.00.
Locket style from \$6.00 to \$10.00.
Gold-Filled Fobs from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

BEAUTIE AND WAIST PINS.
Solid gold, from \$1.50 and upward for a set of three.
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Solid Gold Locket from \$3.50 upward.
Solid Gold Neck Chains from \$2.00 upward.
Solid Gold Heart Pendants, for baby chains, from 75c up.
COMB, BRUSH AND MIRROR SETS.
Solid Silver Comb and Brush Set, \$5.00 to \$10.00.
Comb, Brush and Mirror from \$12 upward.
Solid Silver Manicure Sets from \$3.50 upward.
Shaving Mugs from \$5.00 to \$12.00.
Solid Silver Military Brushes from \$5.50 set up.
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A beautiful basket or box of Fine Canned Fruit, \$1.00 to \$5.00, and up.

A Home-Made Plum Pudding, 75c.
A box of Claret, \$1.00 and up.
A bottle of Old Madeira, Port or Sherry, \$1.00 to \$3.00.
A bottle of Cordial Brandy, \$1.50 to \$4.00.
A box of Fine Oranges, \$2.50 and up.
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